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Foreign Patent Documents

1. Mitsui Eng. & Shipbuilding Co. Ltd., Japan Publication No. JP 2001-187268 (10 July 2001) (English language abstract);
2. Konami Co. Ltd., Japan Publication No. JP H10-307633 (17 November 1998) (English language abstract);
3. Namco Ltd., Japan Publication No. JP H07-213740 (15 August 1995) (English language abstract); and
4. Konami KK, Japan Publication No. JP H07-124332 (16 May 1995) (English language abstract).

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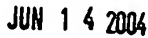


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